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1. [redacted] Burhan, the Chairman of the Sinkiang Provincial
Government, was in Moscow, but the fact had not been made public. 50X1-HUM

2. [redacted] Students in Tihua are [redacted] given
a training course to check on their political outlook.

3. [redacted] the hospitals in Tihua [redacted]
[redacted] were running short of supplies. No help had been received from
the USSR. 50X1-HUM

4. Private trade in Tihua is recovering slowly, owing to the small profits and
the lack of private trucks. Trade with Ili has provided some glass and
hardware, but there is as yet no large flow of Soviet goods into the Tihua
market.**

5. The cost of living in Tihua declined fifteen percent [redacted] 50X1-HUM

6. The price of gasoline has been rising steadily in spite of the Government's
control of the black market. The only gasoline for civilian use comes from
Chiuchuan, since all the wusu output is taken for military transport.***
No gasoline has been received from the USSR.

7. The Chinese Communist troops are bringing into Tihua on sledges timber from
Tianshan and stone for building purposes. 50X1-HUM

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** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] commerce in Tihua was
normal. 50X1-HUM

*** [redacted] Comment. The cost of living in Tihua ordinarily rises about
fifteen percent in January. 50X1-HUM

**** [redacted]

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